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*Kear*IRANIAN AMBASSADOR IN PARIS: U.S. HOSTAGES IN DANGERNC251211 PARIS AFP IN ENGLISH 1200 GMT 25 APR 80

(TEXT) PARIS, APRIL 25 (AFP)--IRANIAN AMBASSADOR IN PARIS AMIR ALAI CHARGED TODAY THAT U.S. PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER'S ABORTED RESCUE MISSION IN IRAN HAD "PUT THE LIVES OF THE HOSTAGES IN DANGER."

SPEAKING IN A FRENCH RADIO INTERVIEW, MR. AMIR ALAI DESCRIBED THE MISSION AS "A FAILURE FOR MR. CARTER. HE IS MAKING THINGS DIFFICULT FOR THE STUDENTS AND FANNING THE FIRE--IT IS VERY AWKWARD ON HIS PART."

THE IRANIAN AMBASSADOR CHARGED THAT MR. CARTER'S AIM WAS NOT TO SAVE THE HOSTAGES BUT "TO SAVE FACE IN VIEW OF THE (U.S. PRESIDENTIAL) ELECTIONS."

"MR. CARTER MUST REALIZE THAT THE STUDENTS HOLDING THE HOSTAGES ARE WELL-EQUIPPED AND WILL NEVER ALLOW THIS SORT OF OPERATION TO BE CARRIED OUT," HE ADDED.

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(TEXT) HAMBURG--THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY HAD HINTS FROM A NUMBER OF SOURCES POINTING AT AN ATTEMPT TO FREE THE HOSTAGES.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE STATE SECRETARY IN THE OFFICE OF THE IRANIAN PRIME MINISTER SADEQ TABATABA'I, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH BILD ZEITUNG, PRERELEASED TO OPA.

TABATABA'I SAID IN THE INTERVIEW THAT THE IRANIAN MILITARY AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICES HAD LEARNED ABOUT IT IN GOOD TIME, AND HAD TAKEN "THE NECESSARY MEASURES." FIGHTING HAD TAKEN PLACE. "THE IRANIAN AIR FORCE HAD ENGAGED THE U.S. AIRCRAFT AND PREVENTED THE ACTION." ACCORDING TO TABATABA'I THE "ATTACK" HAD ENDED AT 0830.

IN REPLY TO THE QUESTION OF HOW MANY AIRCRAFT THE AMERICANS HAD LANDED, THE FORMER SPEAKER OF THE MEHDI BARZAGAN GOVERNMENT SAID: "THREE MILITARY HERCULES C-130 AIRCRAFT."

ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT WERE EXPERTS FROM ALL MILITARY BRANCHES. IT IS ALSO ASSUMED THAT EUROPEANS HAD BEEN ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT. TABATABA'I STRESSED THAT ISRAELIS AND EGYPTIANS HAD NOT TAKEN PART.

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THE STATE SECRETARY ANNOUNCED THAT THE IRANIAN MILITARY HAD  
KILLED 8 AMERICANS AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED OVER 20. THE ACTION,  
HOWEVER, WILL HAVE ITS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE HOSTAGES. ASKED  
WHETHER HOSTAGES WOULD PERHAPS BE SHOT, TABATABAI REPLIED:  
"I DO NOT THINK SO. BUT THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND THE  
GOVERNMENT CAN NATURALLY DO NOTHING ELSE BUT WHAT THE PEOPLE DEMAND."  
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